MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I beg to rise to a point of order whether this is a supplementary question arising out of the statement that has been furnished as called for by the member in his interpellation. What was asked by the member is only a statement, and that has been furnished. I request for a ruling from the Chair as to whether the question that the member now asks is not a fresh question.

PRESIDENT: You asked for a statement, Mr. Raman Pillai; and that statement has been laid on the table. No supplementary question, therefore, arises out of your interpellation.

Reports on the working of the Vellala, Nayar and Ezhava Regulations.

12. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received reports from the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum, during the last two years (ending 11-11-1104) as to how the Vellala, the Nayar and the Ezhava Regulations have affected the moral and material welfare of these communities?

(*b*) If the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to lay those reports on the table?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) This does not arise in view to the answer to part (*a*).

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Does the learned Secretary suggest that it is no concern of the Head of the Division to enquire into the effects of social legislations undertaken on behalf of three major communities in the State?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is a matter of opinion.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): I do not ask for any opinion. My question is, does the Secretary suggest, by the answer that has been given, that it is no concern of the Head of a Division to enquire into this question?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No such suggestion is made in the answer.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Did the Government or the Dewan Peishkar ever enquire into the effects of these social legislations undertaken on behalf of these communities, three major communities?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice. The member seems to suggest a course of action that the Government should have taken.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): I simply asked whether the Government had taken any action. I did not suggest any course of action.

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PRESIDENT: The question has no direct relation to Government. It relates only to Dewan Peishkars.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): My question is whether, as the Head of each Division, the Dewan Peishkars made enquiries into the effects of social legislation undertaken by this Government on behalf of the three major communities in the State. The answer is "No". It surely arises as a supplementary question as to whether it was not the concern of the Head of the Division to have made enquiries.

PRESIDENT: For that question the Secretary claims notice; because it is perhaps a question of Government's policy.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): I did not raise a question of policy at all.

PRESIDENT: It is a matter of the opinion of the Government as to the particular policy to be pursued; and, when the Secretary in charge of the question claims notice, I do not think you can question further.

MR. K MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*: I cannot hear you, Sir.

PRESIDENT: He claims notice for that question, which perhaps raises a question of policy.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): I did not raise a question of policy.

PRESIDENT: You said you did not hear me; please listen and hear me out. The Secretary has claimed notice and you cannot press that question further.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): So, the ruling is that it does not arise as a supplementary question?

PRESIDENT: When he claims notice, you cannot press that question further. That is my ruling.

Employment of qualified medical women and midwives by Municipal Councils.

13. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many Municipal Councils have employed qualified medical women or midwives for attendance on women in their homes; and

(*b*) the amount of money left unspent at the close of the year 1103 by such of the Municipal Councils as have not employed qualified midwives under them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 8.

(*b*) A statement* containing the information is laid on the table.

Admission of students to the Science College, Trivandrum.

14. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

* *Vide* Appendix III—page 17.

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